

First Presbyterian Church

Celebration of Worship

September 24, 2017

11:00 A.M.

We're glad you're here! We are honored to have you join us for worship this morning. It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ during our worship service.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude "Præludium und Fuga" Buxtehude

Welcome & Announcements
(Please sign and pass the friendship pads at this time.)

◆ Introit "Everlasting God"

(Chorus) x2
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever. Our hope, our strong deliverer
You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.
(Repeat Chorus)

◆ Call to Worship
L: Give thanks to the Lord!
P: Call upon the name of the Lord!
L: God's love and mercy are given daily for each of us.
P: God's forgiveness and tenderness are poured out for us.
L: Praise be to God who deals so kindly with us.
P: Lord, help us offer the same compassion to others.
AMEN.

◆ Opening Prayer

◆ Hymn #306 "Fairer Lord Jesus"

◆ Prayer of Confession (Unison)
Forgiving Lord, we are such jealous people. We want to make sure that we get what we deserve, that we are always treated fairly. Yet we complain when you treat others, who have not worked as hard or been as faithful, with such love. We want

to know why you are as generous with the late-comers as you are with us, after all, we whine, we've been here longer. You are merciful and compassionate. You do not count the time, but the quality of the heart. Forgive us, generous Lord, when we have been so petty about your love. Heal and restore us. Help us reach out with love and hope to others in the name of Jesus Christ.

(Silent Prayers of Confession) Amen.

◆ Assurance of God's Pardon (Jude 1:24-25)
L: To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—

P: To the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

◆ Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Thoughts for the Children Amy McAllister
(Children's Church is available for 4 yrs. through 2nd grade.
Preschool children may be excused to the nursery.)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Gift of Music "Still" By Justin Ebach & Molly Reed
Doug Ruffner

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Morning Offering

◆ Doxology
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

◆ Prayer of Dedication

Anthem "God's Gonna Set This World On Fire"
Arr. Moses & Edwin Hogan

New Testament Reading (Page 850) Luke 15:11-24
L: This is the Word of the Lord.
P: Thanks Be to God

Sermon "Awaking to Help" Rev. AnnAline Drake

◆ Hymn #142 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

◆ Benediction

◆ Congregational Response

"10,000 Reasons"

**Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul, I'll worship Your Holy name**

**The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes**

**Repeat Chorus
I'll worship Your Holy name (x3)**

◆ Postlude "Præludium und Fuga" Buxtehude

*"Finding Your Way Back to God" Campaign
Published by Dave and Jon Ferguson

◆ (Indicates appropriate place for congregation to stand)
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Join us for our series, FINDING YOUR WAY BACK TO GOD, on September 10 and discover that God has not forgotten you. In fact, He's running to you.

SEPT 10 - There's Got to Be More

SEPT 17 - I Wish I Could Start Over

SEPT 24 - I Can't Do This On My Own

OCT 1 - God Loves Me Deeply After All

OCT 8 - Now This is Living

Small Groups starting Sept 13th @ 5:30 at the church.

Series based on the book FINDING YOUR WAY BACK TO GOD by pastors Dave and Jon Ferguson.

WEDDING SHOWER

You are invited to join us for a wedding luncheon and shower Sept 24, 12:30p to honor **Jessica Landis Rase and her husband Aaron Rase.**

Jessica is the daughter of Jamye and Joe Landis. Join us as we welcome them both back to Sand Springs.

The Shower will be an old fashioned "**Potluck and Pounding**"

Come join in the fun by bringing:

A salad to share for lunch.

A gift for him or a gift for her,

or a "**pound of something**" for their new house.

Questions? See Jeanie Kvach or Pam Smithey.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Ushers: Len & Jennifer Gardner
Sharon Bolton & Mary Snider
Cody Shelton
Liturgist: Doug Ruffner
Trustee lock up: Stuart Hash



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, Sept 25
7:00 p.m. AA/Al-Anon Meetings

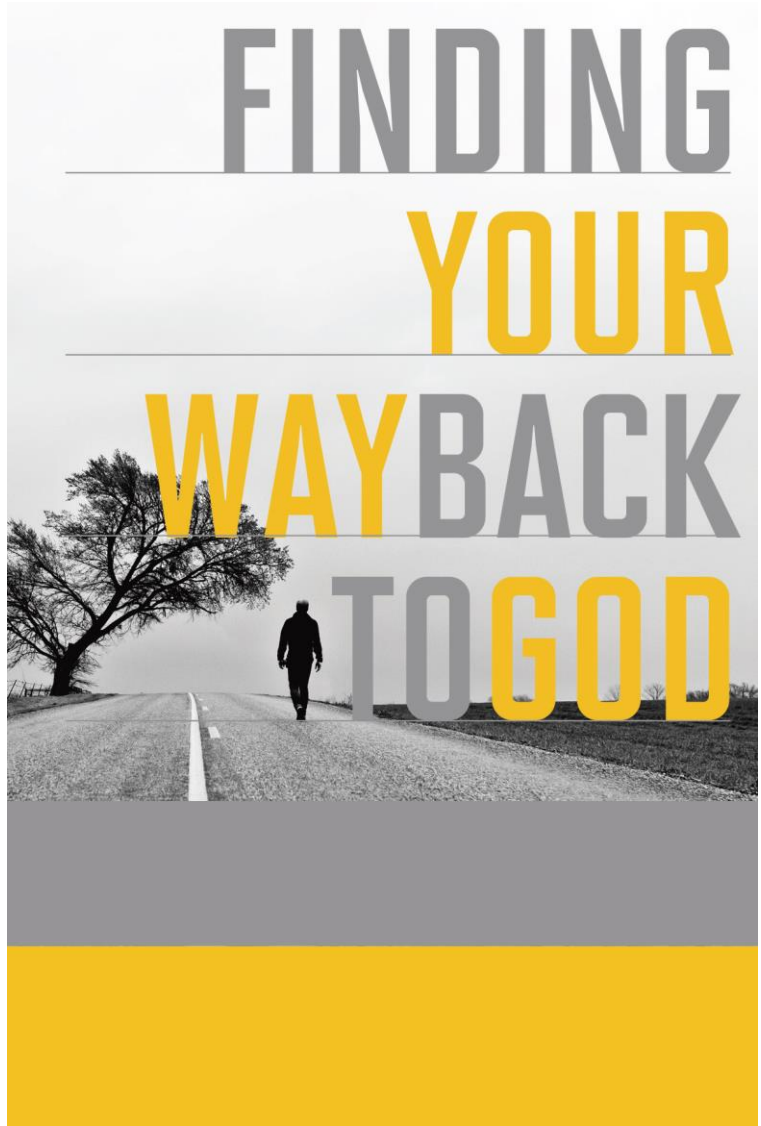
Wednesday, Sept 27
5:30 p.m. Small Group
6:00 p.m. Jr. High
7:30 p.m. Sr. High

Thursday, Sept 28
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Sunday, Oct 1
9:30 a.m. Morning Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

PRAYER LIST—JOYS & CONCERNS
Those affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria
Nancy Jackson (Jennifer Gardner's mother)—Retinal surgery
Elmer Hash (Steve's father)—Pneumonia and Stroke, ICU
Rains family—Loss of Keith Byrd (Kristi's Brother)
Kristi Rains—Sinus surgery Recovery
Gail Reed—Recovery from surgery
Joe O'Masters (Len Gardner's friend)—Tumor
Sharon Bender (Glenda Goodwin's friend)—Brain cancer
Linda MacFarlane—Healing and Strength
Linda Nelson (Willa Barnes' friend)—Lymphoma
Davida Taylor (Amy McAllister's mother)—Cancer

OUR STAFF
AnnAline Drake—Interim Pastor
Bill Zahringer—Director of Youth Ministries
Amy McAllister—Director of Children's Ministries
Doug Ruffner—Director of Music
Amanda Teachnor—Organist and Accompanist
Gail Reed—Treasurer
Irene Dornberger—Children's Church Teacher
Stuart Hash—Interim Office Administrator
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